

REMARKS


Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. Claims 1-4, 9-12, 18-20, and 22-24 were pending in the application. Claims 3, 11, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 9, and 18 have been amended. A complete listing of claims is provided in the above section, which include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call C. Teresa Wong at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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